



COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Meeting Summary
June 10, 2015

Members Present: Dana Bell, Adriane Clutter, Malik Couch, David Edimo, Tom Grazio, Carson Henry, Lindsay Hoffman, Nancy Kaplan, Tami Nedomanski, Roberta Rinker, Bobbi Sherman, Alisa Smedley, Deatrice Williams

Guest: Barbara Andrews, HHS (staff), Nora Ludden, Ethen Chen

Dana Bell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

ACTION ITEMS

Reading and Approval of the May Meeting Minutes – No quorum

Election of Chair and Co-Chair – Dana Bell has been asked by Commission members to serve another year as Chair and Roberta Rinker has been asked to serve another year as Co-Chair. No quorum for a vote. Possibly hold a vote before the Dworkin Awards on 6/22 if a quorum is present. Barbara Andrews also suggested that this election can be held as an acclimation where no vote would be necessary, but full membership attendance would still be needed.

Retreat – The annual retreat for planning the 2015-2016 year has been postponed to fall – September or October depending on when new members begin.

Committee Meetings and Reports/Full Commission Discussion

With only 12 members present and many committee members absent no Committee meetings were held. Instead the full membership present discussed attendance and the process for bringing on new members. Suggestions included:

- Send a welcome packet to new members (before orientation)/Welcome letter with details
- Commissioners reach out directly to the new members
- Commissioners could work on recruiting members, including youth members
- Hold an orientation for new members in the fall before a Commission meeting
- New members tend to be excited and connected at the beginning
- Determining meaningful outcomes for members/committees is important
- The Commission needs a regular 20 hour staff Program Manager to handle details and communication
- Stable leadership will be important this year

NEW BUSINESS

Dana Bell discussed the **HHS Director Quarterly Meeting**. Uma is concerned that boards and commissions may be overlapping priorities and would have more impact if they collaborated together. Uma needs specific feedback on how each Commission and Board collaborates and with whom, or ideas on how to collaborate.

There will be a new grouping for meetings with the County Executive to make those meetings more effective. CCY is grouped with Commission on Child Care, Commission on Juvenile Justice and the Citizens Review Board. This group will collaborate on their messages for the County Executive. There will be information on priorities at Uma's fall meeting.

Discussion:

- Use the Youth Having a Voice Roundtable as a means of collaboration by inviting other groups and developing topics connected to other Commission work.
- Use the Collaboration Council report on *My Brother's Keeper Youth Summit* for topics for youth and roundtable
- Recreation had a *Change of Life Youth Forum*
- Possibly combine our roundtable with another event, but the strength of ours is that the youth commission member plan it and lead it

Annual Report:

Each committee will send a year summary, accomplishments and recommendations for next year commissioners for use in the Annual Report 2014-2015

Staff will scan committee notes to Chairs of each committee

Dworkin Awards Update:

Barbara Andrews provided an update for the upcoming Dworkin Awards on June 22 and members signed up for set up or clean up duty. The entire event has been planned by a contractor to Barbara's division. Roberta will complete and forward the speeches for the youth presentations.

*Collaborations with **Healthy Montgomery and the Commission on Health*** – Hilda Richards, Nurse Consultant with HHS can provide an overview on **Obesity Prevention** work and would be a good guest to invite. A lot of work has been completed by the committee.

*CCY in the Community – **Tour de Cookie Debrief***: Bobbi shared the success of the Cookie Stand and the event. The CCY stand came in second in the Cookie Stand contest, next to the Girl Scouts stand. Angela kept a list of what worked and what could be improved. Barbara Andrews noted that for this to work and be organized well there need to be at least 10 people baking cookies. The Commission on Child Care and staff from Early Childhood Services collaborated with CCY on baking and on the stand.

Roberta has determined that she can no longer represent CCY on the **Behavioral Health Workgroup**.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.